XMs Instant Traffic and Weather offers COMPREHENSIVE traffic and weather. As a frequent traveler, I use the traffic and weather channels to plan ahead. Often traveling between DC, Phili, and Pittsburgh, I can tune to the appropriate city's channel to plan 2 hours ahead. Previously I had to scan the stations periodically to find a station and hopefully catch the traffic and weather reports, which seem to be fewer and fewer.

As a consumer, I pay a premium to receive a higher level of service. It's not unlike paying the cable company for HBO or another movie channel. NBC and FOX show movies, sometime the same movies. As a consumer, I have the option to pay for the premium movie channel service.

XM is the best thing that has happened to radio. I can actually choose a channel and be sure that some idiot doesn't say something I don't want my kids to hear. Can the FCC guarantee that on the FM or AM airwaves?